

I-405 and Eastside Projects Update

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SR 520 bridge closed this weekend

Crews will [close the SR 520 floating bridge](#) for its annual maintenance and inspection from 11 p.m. Friday, June 16 to 5 a.m. Monday, June 19. The closure includes all of SR 520 between Montlake Boulevard NE in Seattle and 92nd Avenue NE on the Eastside. Drivers crossing Lake Washington should use I-90, I-405, and SR 522. Know before you go: call [5-1-1](#) or check [real-time traffic](#) online.

Major I-405 closures in Kirkland next week

All lanes of southbound I-405 closed nightly

Monday through Thursday nights, June 19-22, crews will close all lanes of southbound I-405 near NE 128th Street from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. to set girders for the west half of the new NE 128th Street bridge. Traffic will follow a [signed detour](#).

All lanes of northbound I-405 closed around the clock Friday night to Tuesday morning

Crews will [close all lanes of northbound I-405](#) near NE 124th Street around the clock from 10 p.m. Friday, June 23 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, June 27. Northbound traffic will be funneled into a narrow two-lane bypass during the closure. We expect heavy congestion, especially during the Monday evening commute. This closure is necessary for crews to lower a section of northbound I-405. The work is weather dependent and could be postponed if rain is forecast.

All of this work is part of the Sound Transit-funded Totem Lake Freeway Station Project. [Stay up to date on closure and construction information.](#)

New bus service helps you get around during I-405 construction

We've partnered with King County Metro Transit to give you [new and expanded bus service](#) just in time to deal with summer construction on I-405.

[New Route 644](#) will run during weekday rush hours between the Kenmore Park-and-Ride and the Overlake Transit Center. This should decrease the number of vehicles on I-405 while we're building freeway improvements.

We're also funding expanded rush-hour service on existing [Route 255](#). All commute-time trips on Route 255 will now begin and end at the Brickyard Park-and-Ride instead of starting at the Kirkland Transit Center. This will provide a new direct connection to the Kirkland Transit Center for more bus riders from north Kirkland, Juanita and Kingsgate.

New and expanded service began June 3. [Plan your trip](#) and help reduce traffic congestion.

Drivers now using wider SR 202 in Redmond/Sammamish area

Last week we opened to traffic the first stage of a [two-stage project](#) to widen almost three miles of SR 202 (Redmond Fall City Road). This will ease the burden of the 27,000 vehicles that drive through this area every day. The project provides drivers an additional lane in both directions, smoother flow at intersections and improved safety with the installation of new or upgraded signals and left turn lanes. The recently completed stage one runs from SR 520 to E. Lake Sammamish Parkway. We started building stage two (E. Lake Sammamish Parkway to Sahalee Way) in February, and we expect to complete the project in 2009.

What do you think about tolling?

Between January and March 2006 the [Washington State Transportation Commission](#) conducted a study of public attitudes about the potential role of tolls in our transportation future. They have released a draft report on their study, and will be traveling around the state to talk with citizens. You may be interested in attending their central Puget Sound area open house:

- Date: Wednesday, June 21
- Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: Mercer View Community Center (8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island)

If you can't attend the open house in person, you can [read the draft report](#) and, between June 20 and 30, attend a "[virtual open house](#)" on the commission's Web site.

Snoqualmie Pass: new design, new road, your opinion counts

If you've ever used I-90 to get across Snoqualmie Pass for business or pleasure, you probably care about WSDOT plans to redesign the road at the top of the Cascades. Engineers at WSDOT have identified a preferred design for widening I-90 at the pass. We want to know what you think. WSDOT will hold a live, virtual open house June 20 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. [Log on](#) during those hours, take a look at the plans and talk directly to our engineers.

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